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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from your President.

First, my thanks to all the members who put me into the office of President of Cal-State. It is a position I have long wanted to hold. This wanting to be president of Cal-State started many years ago when my good friend Dr. Emmons asked me if I would consider running for Board of Directors.

Now that I have accomplished my wishes, I promise to do my best to live up to the fine traditions and reputations of the men who preceeded me as president of Cal-State. I also promise to do everything I can to further our hobby at all times.

In the past few months there has been a slowing up of coin sales, and perhaps some of the speculators have fallen by the wayside. This will have a stabilizing effect on coin prices and should help to stop the upward spiralling prices. I feel the true numismatists will benefit from this.

Our fall convention in San Diego is progressing very well. General chairman Al Baber has all of his committee picked, and they are working very closely with him. I will be looking forward to seeing you there. Remember the dates—Nov. 4-7—at the El Cortez Hotel.

DAN HARLEY

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REPORTS FROM . . .

Our Out-of-State Members and Friends

From **Oscar D. Fulton,** CSNA no. 401, Tucson, Arizona, came a letter commenting on the Exonumist Society meeting write up in the Summer issue of Calcoin News, and with particular reference to mention of the Washington-Fanning Island token. In his letter he stated he had two of these tokens, and that he would appreciate receiving a copy of the Exonumist Society's publication "The Medallion" in which was an article about these pieces.

His letter was forwarded to Mrs. Pauline Ney of Santa Monica, who in turn forwarded a copy of "The Medallion to him.

From **George Cheesman,** Silver Spring, Maryland, editor of "**The M.A.N.A. Journal,**" came a statement in connection with his having reprinted from Calcoin News the article on "Photography of Paper Money" by Dr. Ferenc Gyulai. "I have received a number of nice comments on that article."

From **Mrs. H. V. Sweeten,** editor of the **Valley Coin Club Bulletin,** Abbotsford, British Columbia, Canada, came the following statement: "Enjoyed your Summer 1965 issue of Calcoin News. Only hope that some day we shall be able to have a similar publication here in B.C."

(Editor's Note:—Let me hear from more of our Out-of-State members and friends. Your comments are always welcome. Also, I would appreciate receiving any numismatic articles you think should appear in Calcoin News.)

UNLISTED CALIFORNIA 'SO-CALLED' DOLLAR

By JOHN R. REYNOLDS, Fresno

The medal pictured above was issued as souvenir of the statewide celebration held by the **NATIVE SONS OF THE GOLDEN WEST** on the 47th anniversary of admission of the State of California into the Union. This NSGW celebration was held in Santa Rosa, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Sept. 8, 9, 10, 1897.

NSGW had its start in San Francisco as a club of young men, ages 10 to 20, and first paraded in the Fourth of July celebration of 1869. By 1879 there were a number of parlors in the larger cities, and a grand parlor was formed, which held a statewide meeting and celebration once each year.

The selection of Santa Rosa, county seat of Sonoma County, for the celebration was quite fitting since it was in the city of Sonoma, June 14, 1846, that the Mexican garrison was captured by a party of 33 men of the Bear Republic Party, and the first Bear Flag was hoisted over California soil. The Bear Flag was later chosen as the California State flag.

1897 was the second time Santa Rosa had been chosen as the site of the celebration. In 1885 more than 1000 Native Sons had paraded, and Governor G. Stoneman had been the main speaker.

Wednesday, Sept. 8, 1897, found Santa Rosa decked in gay finery. Along the main parade route, spanning the street every fifteen feet, were lines of streamers, bear flags and Japanese lanterns. At each intersection was a large banner with a motto such as "Welcome NSGW and Veteran Firemen."

As each excursion train pulled in it was greeted by Park's Band and the Official Welcoming Committee which marched the visitors to the Headquarters Committee for assignment of lodging and Parlor headquarters. After night fell the late excursionists came marching in groups through town under lighted Japanese lanterns, a sky illuminated with a shower of fireworks, an archway formed by thousands of Roman candles shooting sparks upward, and a large display of other fireworks along the route.

Admission Day, Thursday, Sept. 9, 1897, was a clear, bright, autumn day without a cloud in the sky. Between 6 and 11 a.m., 62 carloads of guests arrived by two railroad lines to add to the numbers who had arrived the night before. There were at least 15,000 guests, plus the town's own population, present for the grand parade and celebration.

The parade was formed promptly after the last excursion train pulled in. It was headed by the local marshal and flanked by half a dozen of the dandiest of the "Frisco" police force, followed by the Grand Marshall

and his aides, all mounted. The advance division was made up of Park's Band, the local Native Daughters of the Golden West attired in white, carrying white silk parasols, and riding in neat buggies. Next came the Santa Rosa Parlor, with their white duck suits and hats and golden silk sashes followed by city, county and state officials, pioneers, Mexican War veterans, all in carriages. The parade had seven regular divisions, with each division having at least two bands, and some also having a drum corps—altogether 15 bands and 5 drum corps were present.

Each parlor group dressed in its own colorful fashion. One group wore tall, broad brimmed straw sombreros, while the National Parlor boys all appeared in black "neglige" shirts, and trousers with yellow trimmings.

Featured in the parade was a group of fifty Exempt Veteran Firemen who, in their full service uniforms, pulled along their first fire engine, a real antique on which was painted: "NO. 1. NEW YORK 1820, SAN FRANCISCO 1849." A team of eight black oxen pulled a covered immigrant wagon with a sign on the side which read: "WE'LL COME AND SEE YOU WHEN WE SETTLE. WE ARE GLAD TO BE WITH YOU." Old Pike had his miner's pack train of mules, and one group paraded with a black bear. "The bear flags which greeted the eyes everywhere are a facsimile of the historical banner which waved over the old plaza at Sonoma." At least 3000 NSGW were in line, and 64 parlors were represented in the parade.

There was the customary literary exercise with welcomes and acceptances. In the afternoon an audience of about 2000 was at Cycling Park for the races, and the riders were in good form. A number of parlors had receptions, dances and banquets. "Grennan's Orchestra of San Francisco discoursed all the newest music in delightful and brilliant style. A feature was the dancing of the new and graceful Gavotte," at the El Dorado Parlor party.

On Friday, Sept. 10, a feast was held at Grace Brothers Park, plus an open air concert and dancing, and more bicycle races. In the evening there was an early concert at the courthouse portico and fireworks, fol-

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"TWO BITS"

In the Summer 1965 issue of **Calcoin News** was printed an article entitled **"ANOTHER VERSION — ORIGIN OF TWO BITS."**

We are in receipt of a letter from **Henry H. Clifford,** one of our Los Angeles members and an authority on western history particularly as it applies to numismatics, commenting on this article. For the benefit of our readers his letter read as follows:-

"I have enjoyed Calcoin News for many years, but I am distressed when I find in it an article such as appeared on page 78 of the latest issue. It contained much error and little truth, as follows:

1.—The Spanish milled dollar was current in the Colonies long before 1792.

2.—It was legal tender in the U.S. for many years, but never the "unit of value" after the U.S. dollar was established.

3.—The Mexican real was never worth two shillings.

4.—"Dos Reals" was not anglicized into "two bits."

"In brief, the Spanish-American dollar was 8 reals—the romantic "Piece of Eight" of pirate lore. They were referred to in Colonial times as Spanish milled dollars, and were legal tender in the United States to 1857. Hence half a dollar was referred to as 4 bits, a quarter dollar as 2 bits. One bit was 12½ cents, the postal rate for single letters on the West Coast from 1847 to July 1, 1851. A "long bit" was 15 cents; a "short bit" was 10 cents; and a nickel was frequently referred to as a "half bit." As near as I can make out, the "bit" terminology was used wherever the Spanish milled dollars and their fractions were in general use."

As editor, I am always glad to receive letters from our members commenting on and giving their version of various articles. It is in this way that we receive additional numismatic information and knowledge.

Any member may at any time feel free to write me along these lines.

—LES LODGE

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Scudo means a shield, and the coin receives its name from the figure of a shield found upon it.

THE CANADIAN MINING INDUSTRY

The natural resources of any country are of basic importance to its economic development. Their kind, amount and the way in which they are exploited and used are among the most important factors determining the rate of economic growth and the country's standard of living.

Canada, the second largest country in the world, is richly endowed with natural resources. Its mineral wealth is immense, and it is a major world supplier of many metals. Modern Canadian mining is the result of 350 years of developing and goes back to the days of the early explorer Samuel de Champlain, who discovered copper and silver deposits in the land of New France. Canada now leads the free world in the production of nickel, asbestos, platinum and zinc; is second in uranium, gold, cadmium, gypsum and titanium; and third in lead, magnesium, cobalt and bismuth. Canada also ranks high among world producers of copper, iron ore, silver and several other metals.

Although the first discovery was made early in the 17th century, the first major use of Canadian ores did not take place until the 1730s. The French settlers then began to use iron deposits for the making of household utensils, ploughshares and cannon balls. This was the limit of mining activity which extended for more than another century. Conditions did not call for, nor make possible, any large scale utilization of Canada's mineral heritage until the early 1840s when the first attempt was made to put Canadian mining on an organized basis and a systematic study resulted in the speedy and economical development of its mineral resources.

The 1850s and 1860s witnessed the British Columbia gold strike. When interest in the great California gold rush of 1849 began to wane the miners moved north to Canada, where they soon found new sources, and worked their way up the Frazer and Thompson Rivers. From there they moved into the Cariboo country where gold was discovered on the Yukon River in 1869. The discovery of gold in the Klondike Valley aroused world-wide attention and thousands rushed to the Yukon. Although this mining activity was short-lived, it led to the transcontinental railway-building program.

The extension of the Canadian Pacific Railway through Sudbury in 1883 led to the discovery of copper-nickel ores. Further developments soon followed with the discovery of gold at Porcupine in 1906 and Kirkland Lake in 1911-13. Many now well-known discoveries were also being made in other parts of the country and the mining of minerals began to be recognized as an important factor in Canadian development.

In the 1920s the introduction of the froth flotation process made possible the building of a viable Canadian base metal industry. The industry suffered heavily during the depression years of the 1930s. This period, however, did produce a renaissance in gold mining. The raising of the price to $35 per fine ounce was followed by a substantial increase in activity within the industry. Production of gold continued to advance until 1941, when the effects of rising costs began to be felt. World War II provided a strong impetus to the base metal industries.

The 1950s opened with widespread concern over metal shortages. The heightened demands for many metals pushed prices upwards and stimulated world-wide search for new sources of supply. Canada became a leading producer of principal minerals and the over-all growth within the industry exceeded that of the economy. Exports enhanced the industry considerably and producers began to rely increasingly on domestic ores.

The mining industry entered the present decade with a record of notable achievements and growth. With the completion of the many major projects now under way further increases in almost every segment are assured. However, as several trends are evident within the industry, these can best be seen by examining the major metals individually.

NICKEL

Nickel is now Canada's second metal in terms of production value and supplies about four-fifths of world requirements. Last year world

demand exceeded 600 million pounds, with expectations to rise to about 800 million within the next few years. In the years immediately ahead there will be continual stress on market development and research.

COPPER

In 1964 copper producers enjoyed a year of very high demand. Both domestic and world consumption have been running at about ten per cent above 1963 levels.

IRON ORE

Iron ore has been the outstanding performer in the post-war years and is now the leading mineral in terms of production value. Shipments in 1964 exceeded 36 million tons, and Canada is now the worlds leading iron ore exporter.

The Canadian iron ore industry depends heavily on the export market. Between 85 and 90 percent of production is currently being exported. Furthermore, although Canadian steel companies now consume more than eight million tons of ore a year, more than 60 percent of their requirements are imported. This situation is explained by the fact that Canadian steel companies invested in, or otherwise became associated with, iron ore mining companies in the United States prior to the establishment of the Canadian industry. It is becoming evident that, in the foreseeable future, iron ore producers will be dependent on the U.S. market for the major part of their sales.

SILVER

During the past few years silver mining has benefitted from the failure of world supply to meet world demand. The United States has been drawing on its considerable stockpile in order to maintain price stability. Last year supplies of silver held by the United States Treasury fell by 400 million ounces to 1.2 billion ounces. Outside the U.S. the use of the metal exceeded production by about 100 million ounces.

The silver situation is the result of a number of factors. Low base metal prices have retarded silver production since much of the world's silver is produced as a by-product of lead-zinc, copper-zinc, and nickel-copper ores. In Canada about 80 percent of output comes from these sources. Rising populations and the increase of vending machines have also contributed to the shortage of the metal. Industrial uses, particularly in the photographic and electronic industries, have been expanding. The building up of speculative positions and the carrying of bigger than usual stocks have accounted for a sizeable percentage of the high demand. Silver production in Canada is not expected to change in the immediate future, but the shortage has greatly stimulated exploration.

GOLD

Gold has been caught in the squeeze between a fixed price and rising costs of production. Over the past decade the number of producers has been shrinking steadily as they exhaust their reserves and costs of production continue to rise. Production from new sources is unlikely to offset the closure of mines reaching the end of their reserves. Despite its many problems gold mining remains an important segment of the Canadian mining industry.

The broad technical problems facing the mineral industry in any country may be divided into those of discovery, extraction, processing and use. In Canada to these may be added the recurring and increasing problems of having to move into relatively more inaccessible areas in order to obtain new ore supplies.

New techniques for locating ore bodies of sufficient concentration and size to permit profitable mining must constantly be developed. In 1957 the Royal Commission on Canada's Economic Prospects came to the following conclusion—"To ensure the continued growth and prosperity of the mineral industry, Canada must retain her lead in technology among other nations of the world . . . If we are to maintain our present position we must foster research, both fundamental and applied, that will keep Canada in the forefront in the development of . . . techniques for finding the deposits and in the development of improved metallurgical processes for the recovery of the valuable materials they contain."

Competition of the most vigorous character is always present in the development of markets for metals. It embraces the competition between a specific metal and one or more other metals, between metals and non-metallic materials, and even between producers of the same material. In-

creasingly, metal producers around the world are turning to vertical integration as an aid in selling their products. Markets for Canada's metal industry may be expected to grow.

With regard to the future, the policy of the United States, the largest single market for Canadian minerals, is of particular importance particularly with respect to tariffs, quotas and stockpile disposals. However, substantial levels of world consumption for the products of the mining industry are in prospect. The rising standard of living in Europe, the massive push for economic development in the emerging nations, and the expanding population in North America, are all favorable factors. With a heavy and sustained program of exploration and development, the mining industry can be confident of maintaining its position as a dynamic force in the Canadian economy.

(Editor's Note:—Condensed by Dennis Olswang from an article appearing in the January 1965 issue of "Commercial Letter", official publication of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce.)

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Curator's Report . . . More Than 300 Items Added to California Collection Since February

Half This Amount Donated by One Member—Rudy Gjurovich

Yes, the **Californiana Collection** of CSNA has been growing by leaps and bounds since the beginning of this year.

Rudy Gjurovich has broken the all time record for donations. One box of material alone required $2.12 in postage. He sent in everything from Californiana plates, which commemorate historical events in the state's history, to large medallions which recall still more of the actions of early Californians. (If about a dozen more members followed Rudy's lead, your curator would have to move to a larger home!)

Others who kept the collection growing were **Wayne Higbee,** who grabbed one of the recovered Crescent City tokens. **Don Thrall, Grace Brainard, Erich Werling** and **Herb Bergen** added more items to the cabinet in their names. Our Arizona members, **H. Schmal** and **Dottie Dow,** continued their support with contributions. An Oregonian also thought of CSNA — **William ("Bill") Worth** brought a medallion from his area down to our California organization to which he belongs. **Walter Gerth** and **Abner Kreisberg** each forwarded several donations to our Californiana Collection.

The **Pacific Coast Numismatic Society** was thoughtful enough to not only donate one of their current medals, but to strike a special medal for our State organization. While the obverse is the same as the obverse of their medals, the reverse carries the legend and names of the men who have held the position of president of both PCNS and CSNA — **Ralph Mitchell, John E. Ohls** and **Clifford L. Liss.** The piece is an outstanding beautiful medal, utilizing the PCNS seal. Its shape is the octagon of the famous gold slugs.

A donation which is listed last, not because it was the latest one received but so that attention could be directed to it, is an unusually fine gift from the **San Diego County Inter-Club Numismatic Council.** This presentation was six tokens beautifully preserved in a plastic holder. The holder contains the SDCINC's eighth annual coin-o-rama token in six different metals—copper, lead, brass, nickel-silver, golden bronze and silver. This set is one of only six in existence. When donations such as this come in one can see that our California Collection will one day be a wonderful collection with rarities which can never again be obtained!

Any donations you may have can be sent to:

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37th SEMI-ANNUAL CONVENTION

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the date November 4 - 7, 1965

CONVENTION PRE-VIEW

THE PRE-VIEW—The home of Al Baber, August 1, 1965.

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THE HOST

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Escondido Coin Club
Ocean Beach Coin Club

CAST OF CHARACTERS—The general chairman and his committee chairmen.

Al Baber—"The date of the convention is drawing near. You have all volunteered to contribute something to the event. Let's hear what you have planned so far."

Sylvia Haffner—"We plan on having a record breaking number of exhibits. Many application blanks have already been received by me, and with application blanks being enclosed in the coming issue of Calcoin News, I should be snowed under with applications long before the convention doors open."

Harvey Rose—"We have limited the bourse to 65 dealers. Most of the tables have already been reserved, and I cannot promise any vacancies by the time the coming issue of Calcoin News reaches you. However, no harm in your applying at that time just in case there is one or two vacancies. Each dealer will have an 8 foot table, display case, and the usual benefits received in San Diego—enthusiastic collectors from near and far."

Dorothy Baber—"The ladies luncheon will be held Friday noon at the 'Top of the Tower', overlooking San Diego. A fashion show will be presented by the El Cortez Hotel Fashion Shop—so the ladies may enjoy their lunch, then return to the hotel to obtain some of the fashions viewed during lunch."

Joe Garside—"We have an excellent panel of speakers scheduled, numismatists who can present an outstanding forum. Everyone, beginners and advanced students of numismatics, will benefit by attending this forum."

The Lundbergs—"Our hospitality combines two things—a touch of the South and a toueh of Texas—resulting in great big southern hospitality. This includes areas for relaxation, a eomfortable spot for 'non-collector husbands and wives', and countless other features."

Al Baber—"I will give my committee ehairmen a few minutes break, while I make a few comments.

"San Diego is proud to be the home of Mattie and Irving Knickerbocker, two of the 'Tireless Three' who have attended every CSNA eonvention.

"There will be an outstanding auction, equal to or better than any previous auetion held at CSNA eonventions.

"Who is a better and more enthusiastic photographer than Gary Beals? He is mighty quiek with his eamera—so be on your guard, as he loves to get those 'candid' shots.

"Now, for comments from some more of you people."

Stu Edgerton—"Seeurity is well under control. While we do not reeommend anyone setting down his little blaek box of 2 x 2's, if he does the security patrol will be watching it for him!

Paul Hamm—"Those attending the banquet had better eount calories before entering the banquet room. The hotel has promised us an outstanding dinner, to go along with the top-notch entertainment we are planning. You will walk out of the banquet room thinking you've attended a Broadway show."

Ken Hedges—"I'm not going to tell you anything about the program but instead keep it as a seeret. The only clue is that it portrays a well-known landmark of San Diego." (Baber commented that Ken has done an outstanding job on past programs for the coinarama and showed no concern despite Ken's secreey.)

Joe Givens—"There will be two trips to the lighthouse—one on Saturday morning and one Saturday afternoon. I'm going to 'pull a Ken Hedges on you,' and let you be surprised by what you will see."

Aage Andersen—"You all saw our reeent eoinarama medal. Well, let me say this one will be equally beautiful. Pictures will soon be available—but perhaps I'll be like some of the others and keep it a secret."

Al Baber—"As you all know, there are many phases of a eonvention and many persons involved in handling the many details. While everyone concerned is not at this meeting, I have been assured by those not present that they have their portions of the eonvention well in hand.

"Now, we will adjourn this meeting so that Pearl Johnson can get to her typewriter and start letting everyone across the eountry know that big plans are being made for the **CSNA Fall 1965 Convention in San Diego, Nov. 4-7.**"

NEW EXHIBIT RULES

Last May the executive board of CSNA agreed to try out a new system for judging the exhibits. This calls for some radieal ehanges—one of whieh is the complete elimination of categories as we have been used to at our past eonventions. Eaeh exhibit is judged on a point system, and is judged strietly on its own merits, not as eompared to other displays of similar eoins or countries.

This new system has been used suecessfully for exhibits at the Convention of International Numismatics at Los Angeles, and for exhibits at the San Diego County Fair and the San Diego Coinarama.

Forgotten is the old rating of first, second and third place awards. Instead awards are issued as follows:

90 to 100 points — 1st elass award
80 to 89 points — 2nd elass award
70 to 79 points — 3rd class award

Best of show is the exhibit rceeiving the most points. In casc of a tie, thc tied exhibits are rc-judged.

Five judgcs arc appointed, one for each of thc following basie conditions,

each judge being selected for his knowledge in that particular field. Points are scored separately by each judge on individual cards for each exhibit. If the judge wishes, there is room on the card for his comments. The five cards are then totaled on a sixth card, which includes the name of the exhibitor. Upon conclusion of the convention, the six cards are presented to the exhibitor, so he may analyze his exhibit.

Basic conditions on which the exhibit is judged are:

1—Attribution and Description of Material (Relative amount of numismatic information that may be obtained by examining the exhibit)	0 to 30 points
2—Originality and effectiveness employed in design of exhibit	0 to 30 points
3—Range, scope and variety of coverage in the material displayed	0 to 15 points
4—Neatness in arrangement and appeal	0 to 15 points
5—Relative condition of material displayed	0 to 10 points
TOTAL	possible 100 points

SYLVIA HAFFNER

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CULION COINAGE

Since he specializes in collecting coinage of the Philippine Leper Colony at Culion, Edward Uhlig recently wrote to the Philippine Public Health Service regarding the current status of this coinage. He received a prompt reply from Dr. Amadeo H. Cruz of that agency. We quote Dr. Cruz' letter, as it should be of interest to anyone collecting Philippine coins.

Mr. Edward M. Uhlig
4065 Third Street
Riverside, California 92501
U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Uhlig:

We received your letter of Jan. 9, 1965 asking about any change in the Culion coinage.

The coinage of Culion since 1930 have not been changed and the latest issue was made on that date. From your letter I think you have a complete collection of all the issues from 1913 to 1930 of the six denominations. No paper money had ever been issued even during the Japanese Occupation. During the war time the use of the Culion coinage became widespread in the entire region, it being much preferred to the Jananese money. At present, the lepers are allowed the use of the regular currency of the country.

The population of Culion has decreased from 6,900 before the war to 2,200 at present. This decrease in population is due to several reasons significant among which are: (1) increased death rate during the Japanese time because of very inadequate food and medicine supply at the time; (2) the discharge from the colony of negative lepers; and (3) the current method of management of leprosy in the home of the patient through the establishment of rural health units and mobile skin clinics in all the communities in the country.

I hope this information is of help to your study of this coinage.

Very truly yours,
AMADEO H. CRUZ, M.D., C.P.H.
Director of Health Services

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DID YOU KNOW

The State of California (in 1964) was in the coin business as state controller Alan Cranston auctioned off an undetermined amount of old coins found in abandoned safe deposit boxes recently. The coins were deposited in the boxes from 1860 until a few years ago, Cranston said.

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A good deer hide is worth in the neighborhood of a dollar. That's why you so often hear a dollar called a buck.

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In the old days the man who saved money was a miser. Nowadays he is a magician.

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Production of two million 2½ centavo pieces for Venezuela in 1875 and 1876 marked the first coinage by the U.S. mint for a foreign country.

Who's Who In California Numismatics

ALBERT LAWRENCE BABER

By Leonel C. Panosh

Albert (Al) Baber was born in Caldwell, Kansas, March 30, 1919; the son of Sudie Victoria and Ernest H. Baber, both now deceased. He attended grammar and high schools in Arkansas City, Kansas, and college at Winfield Tech, in Winfield, Kansas.

History does not record whether it was a college romance, but it does show that in 1939 he was married to Dorothy Carson, also of Winfield, Kansas. The union has been blessed with two daughters and one son: Jean, 24, married and a secretary with an investment firm, and living in Chicago; Vicki, 21, married and working for an accounting firm in San Diego; and Larry, 23, now in the U.S. Army Air Force, stationed in Hawaii. With the family grown and gone, Al and Dorothy, with their French poodle, Pepe, live in their beautiful home in El Cajon, a suburb of San Diego.

On leaving school Al worked for a while in Kansas, chiefly as a soda jerker, before coming to San Diego in 1941 to take a position with General Dynamics-Convair, where after 23 years he bears the title of Manufacturing Development Engineer Senior. This service was interrupted by two years in the U.S. Army, from 1944 to 1946, serving with the 381st Infantry, 96th (Dead-Eye) Division. He was discharged as Private First Class (which coincidentally is the same exalted rank attained in World War I by the writer of this biography).

Al's numismatic history is of comparatively recent origin. He began collecting in 1955, as he puts it: "like everyone else by filling date holes in a cent coin folder." Currently he is attempting to put together a complete set of modern Japanese coins. His numismatic library consists of some 70 books and many pamphlets. He has won quite a few awards for exhibits, including a second place at the 1960 CSNA show. He has appeared as speaker and installing officer at a number of numismatic meetings.

In addition to ANA and CSNA he holds membership in five local clubs. His abilities are recognized by the fact that he is currently vice president of two and past president of two more. He is currently treasurer of CSNA, and is General Chairman for the 1965 fall convention to be held at the El Cortez Hotel in San Diego, Nov. 4-7.

Finally, as if to round out an active numismatic career by other interests, he is a member of the National Management Association; is a charter member and past Post Commander of Post 6874, Veterans of Foreign Wars; and a member of Silvergate Masonic Lodge and Scottish Rite Bodies in San Diego.

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Metric System Key — The U.S. nickel can be used as a key to the metric system of measures and weights. It is exactly two centimeters in diameter and weighs five grams.

Calendar of Numismatic Events

CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Nov. 4-7, 1965 ..... El Cortez Hotel, San Diego
Albert L. Baber, general chairman..... 611 Oakwood Way, El Cajon
Ed Beals, asst. gen. chairman..... 8226 Dorchester St., Spring Valley
Harvey L. Rose, bourse chairman..... P.O. Box 577, La Mesa
Sylvia Haffner, exhibit chairman..... 6674 Airoso Dr., San Diego

April 14-17, 1966..... Del Webb's Town House, Fresno
S. Everett Phillips, general chairman..... 1920 Country Club Lane, Fresno
Fred E. Tinkham, asst. gen. chairman..... 1117 N. Irwin St., Hanford
William Y. Lee, bourse chairman..... 69 Plaza Shopping Center, Fresno
Robert G. Efker, exhibit chairman..... 3083 East Terrace Ave., Fresno

Fall, 1966 ..... San Bernardino

Spring, 1967 ..... Sacramento

Spring, 1968 ..... San Francisco

ATTENTION PLEASE: Any South of the Tehachapi local club wishing to be host to the Fall 1967 CSNA convention is requested to submit their invitation to the CSNA officers at the Executive Board Meeting at the San Diego convention, November 1965.

OTHERS

Sept. 18..... Lake Tahoe Coin Club Annual Coin Festival,
American Legion Hall, Al Tahoe

Sept. 19..... Ventura County Coin Club Fall Coinarama
Recreation Center, Ventura
John Nichols, exhibit chairman, 2016 E. Main St., Ventura

Oct. 3..... Los Angeles Coin Show,
Statler Hilton Hotel, Los Angeles
Phil Hirsch, general chairman, P.O. Box 34553, Los Angeles

Oct. 3..... Diablo Numismatic Society Third Annual Coin Show,
Elks Lodge, Concord
Don Adcock, general chairman, P.O. Box 21112, Concord

Oct. 9-10..... Sacramento Valley Coin Club Coin-A-Rama,
Governor's Hall, State Fair Grounds, Sacramento

Oct. 10..... East Bay Coin Club Annual Coinival,
Claremont Hotel, Berkeley

Oct. 14-17..... Professional Numismatists Guild Second Coin Show,
Statler Hilton Hotel, Los Angeles
Kenneth Nichols, general chairman, P.O. Box 741, Costa Mesa

Oct. 23-24..... West Valley Coin Club Coin Show,
Carpenter's Hall, Van Nuys

Nov. 19-21..... Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce Coin Exposition,
Memorial Recreation Center, Hawthorne
Foster Hall, general chairman, P.O. Box 158, Hawthorne

Feb. 17-20, 1966..... Numismatic Association of Southern California
Eleventh Annual Convention
Statler Hilton Hotel, Los Angeles

July 9-10, 1966..... San Bernardino County Third Annual Coin Show,
Orange Show Grounds, Cafeteria Bldg., San Bernardino
Sylvia Novack, general chairman, 3532 Parkside Dr., San Bernardino

ATTENTION LOCAL CLUB SECRETARIES

Your editors would appreciate being kept advised of these coming affairs in order that we may keep our Calendar of Numismatic Events as complete and accurate as possible. May we please have your cooperation.

GOLDEN MACUQUINAS

By GORDON K. SHORT, Redding

This 1667 Golden Peruvian coin of the mint of Potosi was acquired by the present owner in 1961. The first American acquisition of this coin took place at Cerro de Pasco, Peru, South America, in the winter of 1908-09, by the late Ervin S. Armstrong, engineer for the Braden Copper Co., now a subsidiary of Kennicott Copper Corp.

Since the time of its current acquisition, research in North America, South America and Europe has revealed this coin to be a rare numismatic find.

Recently the above photographs of this coin were acclaimed by these Buenos Aires numismatic authorities: Senor Roman F. Pardo, Ambassador Humberto F. Burzio, Senor Santamarina and other antique experts, as a good coin belonging to the first lot coined in Potosi by Carlos II, last Spanish king of the House of Austria, around the year 1667.

This Peruvian coin is of uneven and milled edge, somewhat shapeless, and "columnarias" because of the Hercules columns appearing with the inscription "Plus Ultra" on the reverse where the year 667 can also be read, as well as the initial of the designer (E) of that year or period.

The inscription "CAROLVS II — DEO GRATIS — HISPANIA", as well as the coat of arms bearing the lions and Castille forts, the Hercules columns, etc., exactly coincide with the characteristics of this type of coins.

These substantiated statements were concurred by Dr. Juan A. Gelly y Obes, Director of the Museum Brigadier Cornelio Saavedra, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Other dates of this type Golden Macuquinas are known to exist in this museum; however, I have been unsuccessful in my attempts to obtain this information.

Reportedly in the hands of a private collector in Peru these other dates are known: 1633, 1649, 1662, 1668, 1672, 1678, 1690, 1718, 1756 and 1767.

The numismatic authority Senor Xavier Calico of Barcelona, Spain, has written, "The macuquinas are all the coins called in English "cob", minted not only in the Spanish mints of America, but also in Spain previous to the reign of Philip V."

According to the dates above such golden coins of Spanish mints of America are known to exist of the subsequent reigns of Philip V, Fernando VI and Carlos III.

The unusual weight of 54 grams, compared to the customary 27.064 grams of the onzas, points toward the special character of this piece. The weight of such varies between 34 and 54 grams, which is the one I possess, and are the biggest ones of which I

know. The majority were minted with reduced weight.

The 1667 specimen is approximately 70% native gold, with alloy believed to be copper and vanadium. Some such coins are less pure than others.

As to the silver 8 reales dated 1667 of Potosi, Senor Jose Yriarte of Madrid, Spain, in his text "De Los Reales De A Ocho Espanoles" has classified the silver coin as Rarisimo. Mr. Pardo pointed out that in order to obtain complete information regarding value of Golden Macuquinas and history, the "Diccionario de la Monedas Hispanoamerica" by Humberto F. Burzio, edited in Santiago, Chile, in 1958, should be consulted.

This coin is one of the extreme rarities of the Spanish colonial period in South America. No other specimen is known to exist in the United States.

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From the Desk of the Secretary

NEW MEMBERS

1542 BRITTAIN, Ernestine .....224 Acacia Ave., San Bruno, Calif. 94066
1543 RADER, Barbara .....435 S. Gilpin St., Denver, Colo. 80209
1544 WIGGINS, R. D. .....17277 Excelsior, Laton, Calif.
1545 SCHULTZ, Ronald C. ....1295 S. Federal Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. 90025
1546 STRAUSS, Frank .....623 W. Lemon Ave., Monrovia, Calif.
1547 SERO COINS, Inc. .....734 Azalea Dr., Shreveport, Louisiana
1548 HALL, William R. .....3166-16th St., San Francisco, Calif. 94103
1549 TOY, Raymond S. .....992 Hacienda Dr., El Cajon, Calif. 92020
1550 COLVER, Mary .....611 N. Banna Ave., Covina, Calif. 91722
1551 UHLIG, Edward M. .....4065 Third St., Riverside, Calif. 92501
1552 WEAVER, R. A. .....P.O. Box 712, Sunnyvale, Calif.
1553 CHAYET, Edward .....10634 Valparaiso Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. 90034
1554 BERBERICH, Norbert G. ....2380 Vallejo St., San Francisco, Calif. 94103
1555 HEALEY, William P. .....1503 McComas St., Pomona, Calif. 91766
1556 STODDARD, James H. .....1012 State St., Redding, Calif. 96001

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1099 NAPA VALLEY COIN CLUB .....P.O. Box 353, Napa, Calif.
1328 BROTMAN, Irv .....11860 Beatrice St., Culver City, Calif.
1095 TRADER SAM .....30 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach 2, Calif.
1085 FOOTBALL COIN CLUB .....450 Main St., Placerville, Calif.

DECEASED

522 SNYDER, Russell G.
1303 BORCHARDT, Leroy

ADDRESS UNKNOWN

1491 CALIG, Lee H.

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1488 BLOCK, Jeff .....873 Wick Lane, Glendora, Calif.
1435 HESS, Florence D. .....2918 McKensie Dr., Richmond, Calif. 94806
700 CLIFFORD, Henry H. .....639 S. Spring St., Los Angeles, Calif.
1169 SACRAMENTO VALLEY COIN CLUB
.....2785 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, Calif. 95817
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1433 FLESHMAN, Samuel H. .....P.O. Box 965, San Jose, Calif. 95108
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705 STONES, William H. .....Route 7, Box 20, Laytonville, Calif.
1226 JOHNSON, George S. .....5316 Balboa Ave., San Diego, Calif. 92117
1427 JOHNSON, Mae Pearl .....5316 Balboa Ave., San Diego, Calif. 92117
45 LINDOW, Lloyd E. .....115 E. Colorado, Arcadia, Calif. 91006
177 VAN HEYDE, Otto J. .....29607 Fitch St., Saugus, Calif. 91350
1480 SMITH, Avery H. .....1272 Fruitdale Ave., San Jose, Calif. 95126
68 WEIGER, Paul .....4237 Dee Boyar, Lakewood, Calif. 90712

1496 SAVAGE, Robert C. .....5650 Colbath, Van Nuys, Calif. 91401
1144 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIC ASSOC.
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1446 KOSOFF, Charlene.....17550 Burbank Blvd., Apt. 314, Encino 91316
1409 LEVINSON, S. .....P.O. Box 4112, N. Hollywood, Calif. 91607
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392 JANES, Bertram D. .....P.O. Box 1327, Quincy, Calif.
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1183 BORGOLTE, Edwin C. .....P.O. Box 2595, Sepulveda, Calif. 91343
1184 BORGOLTE, Ellen D. .....P.O. Box 2595, Sepulveda, Calif. 91343
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c/o Peggy E. Borgolte, P.O. Box 2595, Sepulveda, Calif. 91343
716 VORHIES, W. H. .....P.O. Box 313, Palo Alto, Calif. 94302
1208 MARTIGANI, Carl .....33 Greenwich Ave., New York, N.Y.
832 SOUTHERN HUB COIN CLUB.....c/o Ann M. Hall, P.O. Box 158,
Hawthorne, Calif. 90252
1441 TURNER, M. B. .....P.O. Box 9339, Long Beach, Calif. 90813
814 COVINA COIN CLUB.....c/o Beverly Charpentier, 9616 Craiglee,
Temple City, Calif.
948 McNAIR, W. F., CWO USN (Ret.).....c/o Mrs. Hattie Miller,
460 Bancroft Ave., San Leandro, Calif.
1029 DANTONE, Blaise J. .....112½ Forsyth St., N.W., Atlanta Ga. 30303
1248 SHORT, Gordon K. .....750 Lincoln St., Redding, Calif.
601 OLSWANG, Dennis E. .....1401 Barrett Ave., Richmond, Calif.
1524 MARIN COIN CLUB.....P.O. Box 329, Mill Valley, Calif.

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1444 CRAIN, H. B. .....1741 Humphrey Dr., Concord, Calif.
1153 FIFIELD, Roy C. .....Box 191, Thousand Palms, Calif.
1541 HAFFNER, Sylvia.....6674 Airoso Dr., San Diego, Calif.

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership, May 15, 1965	774
New Members, May 16 to Aug. 15, 1965	15
Re-Instatements	4
Deceased	2
Membership, Aug. 15, 1965	791
1965 Dues Not Yet Paid	78

CALENDAR OF MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

Beginning with the organization date, Feb. 22, 1947, CSNA membership numbers were arranged in sequence chronologically. Therefore, the membership number indicates seniority of membership.

The numbers issued to members correspond to the calendar years as follows:

1947	1 - 279	1957	789 - 863
1948	280 - 357	1958	864 - 924
1949	358 - 388	1959	925 - 1007
1950	389 - 431	1960	1008 - 1064
1951	432 - 489	1961	1065 - 1176
1952	490 - 545	1962	1177 - 1343
1953	546 - 590	1963	1344 - 1412
1954	591 - 645	1964	1413 - 1506
1955	656 - 680	1965	1507 -
1956	681 - 788		

CHARLES G. COLVER

North of the Tehachapis

By DENNIS OLSWANG

Ed Sins was elected president of the **Discoverer Coin Club,** Sunnyvale, at a recent meeting. Other elected officers are **Frank Greene,** vice president; **Russ Church,** second vice president; **Jim Kudenov** and **Martha Gurra,** secretaries; and **Al Shimonauff,** treasurer.

Sins recently won the best of show award with his Spanish-American colonial silver coin exhibit at the club's third annual coin exhibition.

Plans are progressing for the **Diablo Numismatic Society's** third annual coin show to be held Oct. 3 at the Elks Lodge in Concord.

George Bartlett spoke on numismatic literature at a summer meeting.

George Squires gave a most interesting and informative talk on the decimal coinage of Mexico at the May meeting of the **East Bay Coin Club,** Oakland. His talk was profusely illustrated by photographic slides of coins from his personal collection. These beautiful slides had been made by the speaker.

A Numismatic Question and Answer program was the highlight of the June meeting. **Don Thrall, George Squires** and **Clifford Bloom** were featured on the panel. **R. G. McArthur** acted as moderator.

Modesto-Turlock Coin Club, founded in 1958 with a membership of 24 attending the first few meetings, now boasts an average of 75 at recent meetings and a membership of almost 150.

David Faraday won the best of show award trophy at an annual coin show sponsored by the **Marin Coin Club,** Mill Valley. He also won the first place trophy in the U.S. class with his exhibit entitled "The Seated Liberty." **Dr. Varon Smith** won top honors in U.S. Gold; **Gordon Rammer,** first in World Coins and Currency; and **Roy Bunt,** first in Tokens, Medals and Decorations.

A closed circuit TV, operated during the auction for the two-day event, enabled all prospective bidders to get a good view of the coins.

Wooden nickels were given away at "Penny Night", the July meeting of the **Lake Tahoe Coin Club.** Some of the scarce items are worth up to fifty cents as collector pieces.

"Silver Crisis or Paper Tiger" by **Merle Crandall** is the feature article appearing in a recent issue of the club's bulletin.

New officers for the **North Bay Coin Club,** Richmond, are: **Ben Allin,** president; **Florence Hess,** vice president; **Louis Milde,** second vice president; **Kenneth Mitchell,** recording secretary; **Daryl Radder,** corresponding secretary; and **Ken Fitch,** treasurer.

A recent issue of the club's bulletin, "The Type Set", contained an excellent and stimulating message from the new president.

George Bartlett was guest speaker at a July meeting.

The **Peninsula Coin Club,** Palo Alto, meets at 1305 Middlefield Rd., on the fourth Monday of each month at 8:00 p.m. Members are always given the opportunity to trade their duplicate coins or medals.

Mrs. Dorothy Fumal was recently elected president of the **Sacramento Valley Coin Club. Don Jacobson** was named vice president; **Viola Hough,** recording secretary; **Paul Kalber,** corresponding secretary; and **Enos Waddell,** treasurer.

The club is making plans to hold a Coin-A-Rama at the State Fairgrounds on Oct. 9-10. This show is anticipated to be a trial run for the clubs hosting of CSNA in the spring of 1967.

Officers for the coming year of the **Solano County Coin Club** are: **Bobby Williams,** president; **Jack Sams,** vice president; **Bonnie Butler,** secretary;

E. Franklin, treasurer; and **Al Renn,** sergeant-at-arms.

The club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of the month at the Veterans Memorial Hall in Suisun.

Redding Numismatic Society has again placed in **National Coin Week** competition by winning third award in its class. This is the third year in a row that RNS has won an award. Each participant will receive a certificate from the ANA.

A questionnaire was recently mailed with the monthly bulletin asking for member discussion of such points as meeting place, time, auctions, special awards, library, educational features and club displays.

Winners of first place awards at the society's First Annual Coin Show were **Greg Hetland,** Odd and Curious; **Dick Wallace,** U. S. Coins; **Gene Whipp,** Foreign Coins; **Bill Hetland,** Paper Money; and **John Resier,** U.S. Type, including Gold.

Future meetings of the society will be held at the Shasta County Library, 1855 Shasta St., Redding, on the second Monday of each month.

Detective Sergeant **Raymond Albritton** of the Vallejo Police Dept. gave an extremely interesting and educational talk on burglary prevention at the May meeting of the **Vallejo Numismatic Society.** He elaborated on the ten steps by which a citizen can make initial prevention. He stressed that most burglaries are the result of carelessness or laziness on the part of the victim.

The recently re-organized **Vaca Valley Coin Club** of Vacaville elected these officers: **Jack Sams,** president; **R. L. Williams,** vice president; **Kelsey Roberts,** secretary; and **Dr. Neil Gallagher,** treasurer.

The club meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month at the Hemlock school in that city.

Mrs. Harry Cutler read the article "Preparations for 'C' Day in Australia" at the May meeting of the **Pacific Coast Numismatic Society,** San Francisco. **George Sailor** was appointed librarian, replacing **Cmdr. H. F. Bowker** who had held the position for ten years.

Carol and **Paul Snedaker** were honored for outstanding service to the society, and presented with a gold bowl at the 50th Anniverary Celebration Banquet held in June, with 79 members and guests attending.

Mrs. Florence Hess spoke on the "Treasures of Spanish - American Coins" at the July meeting. Her talk brought to mind the romantic past of the early explorers and the civilization of the new world.

San Jose Coin Club has issued a resolution urging ANA and other organizations to act as active spokesmen for their members in furthering the science of numismatics and for the protection of the interests of numismatics.

Dr. Eugene Whitworth presented a humorous and delightful talk on "The Money Systems of Primitives and Headhunters" at the May meeting of the **San Francisco Coin Club.**

Inspector Edward Preston was guest speaker at the June meeting. His topic was entitled "Picking Your Pockets."

The club meets the third Friday at the San Francisco Hall of Flowers, Ninth Avenue and Lincoln Way.

John Mitchell took the best of show honors at the **West Coast Numismatic Association, Inc.** Coin Show, held in San Jose, with a fine display of Mint Errors. Second best of show was won by **Rudy Gjurovich** for an exhibit of Commemorative Crowns of the World.

More than 10,000 collectors and visitors viewed the exhibits at the four day show.

Other first award winners were: **Jack Stafford,** U.S. Coins; **Ed Sins,** Ancient and Medieval; **Rudy Gjurovich,** Modern Foreign; **Melvin Lager,** Gold Coins; **John Yee,** Paper Money; and **John Mitchell,** Miscellaneous. **Dean Pritchett** won top honors in the Junior Classification.

NEW CLUBS

The **Novato-Hamilton Coin Club** has an average attendance at its meetings of about 40 of the 65 regular and 15 junior members. Sessions are called by letters sent to the members, and are held in the VFW Hall, 840 Sweater, Novato.

J. Dillon is president of the club; **C. L. Amspaugh,** vice president; **Donna Diaz,** secretary; **D. Beard,**

treasurer; and **W. Beard**, junior officer.

ORDERS AND MEDALS SOCIETY

The **Orders and Medals Society of America** held its sixth annual convention, Aug. 13-16, at the Sheraton Palace Hotel, San Francisco. It was a highly successful convention, with 53 registrants and many guests from all parts of the United States.

The exhibits were truly outstanding. **Dr. J. C. Geiger,** guest of honor and speaker at the banquet, exhibited 33 orders and decorations won from countries all over the world for his outstanding work in public health. **David McNamara** won first prize for American medals. In his exhibit were three Medals of Honor. **Roger Sullivan** won honorable mention for his 1901 group which contained medals of the Boxer Rebellion. For his Nazi Luftwafta badges **Gary Krug** won first place in the foreign classification. Best in show was awarded to **Dr. George Podlusky** for his Bavarian Military Merit Orders. **L. Richard Smith** won a first with his exhibit of the Order of the Black Eagle of Prussia.

All officers were re-elected, including **Ralfe R. Holbrook** as president. The board of directors discussed a committee on membership and appointed Philip Weber of San Diego chairman. His function is to receive and answer questions about membership in the society.

UNLISTED DOLLAR

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lowed by an open dance in the park.

This historical account was taken from the local Santa Rosa newspaper "The Sonoma Democrat," Sept. 11, 1897. Acknowledgement must be made to Miss Janet Hellerich of the Santa Rosa Free Public Library for her continued search for material on this event even after she found that a fire had destroyed the local library copies. Only through her persistence was a copy finally located.

DESCRIPTION

Obverse: SOUVENIR / NATIVE / SONS / CELEBRATION / SANTA ROSA / SEPT. 8, 9, and 10, 1897. Picture of a lady bear shaking hands with a man bear; at bottom edge, microscopic L. H. MOISE, S.F.

Reverse: Variety of State Seal (with rays and reclining bear); at bottom edge, microscopic MOISE S.F. Brass; 33½ mm.

To the best of the author's knowledge only two pieces are known, and he would appreciate hearing from any owners of this item. This piece was discovered after the deadline for the "So-Called" Dollar Book, and is similar in design and purpose to H&K No. 635.

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South of the Tehachapis

By CHARLES G. COLVER

C. O. I. N.

For the second time numismatists from all over the world gathered at the Los Angeles Ambassador Hotel, June 18-20, to share their interests. Under the chairmanship of **Harvey Rose,** the 1965 edition of **Convention of International Numismatics** must be termed a huge success, as was predicted in this column one year ago.

We hardly know how to describe the various events during the show—all were top-notch. A bourse room crammed with everything from the run-of-the-mill items for the beginner to the great rarities for which a specialist might spend the better part of a lifetime searching. Not a sack or a stack of U. S. coins was to be found in the house, and the only proof sets in evidence were emissions from mints in Pretoria, London, Vienna, Melbourne and other such far away places. Your editor was happy to finally run down a piece of the very elusive ivory money from the Keeling-Cocos Islands. Not one piece, but three were to be had of this very rare item!

The educational portion of the program read like a "Who's Who in Foreign Numismatics". The forums sponsored by the Society for International Numismatics and the Azteca Numismatic Society were outstanding.

Harold Bavaird again hosted a group of exhibits worthy of a museum display. The judges worked long and

hard to decide the better of that group of elite exhibits. Where else could one enter a room and find coins from every corner of the earth made up into attractive exhibits, and a Nobel Prize gold medal to top it off? **Clay Read,** Los Angeles, was awarded best of show trophy for his fine world coinage display.

The six sponsoring clubs are to be congratulated for their efforts. They did a commendable job.

This show is a must on your convention calendar for next year, if you are just the least bit interested in anything numismatic other than spendable U.S. coinage.

COINARAMA ROUNDUP

Several successful coinaramas have been held since the last edition of Calcoin News. These include **Santa Barbara, Pomona, San Diego, Ojai** and **Perris.** All report excellent attendance, good business at the bourse, lively auctions, and better than ever exhibits.

Feature of the **Pomona** event this year was a special medallion badge showing the seal of Pomona on the obverse and a handsome flying eagle on the reverse.

Highlight of the **Perris** event was a very large auction sale. From reports heard this was evidently a fine start for a new coin club.

SAN DIEGO FAIR EXHIBIT

"Coins and Medals of the 18th Olympiad" won the best of show award at the **San Diego County Fair Coin Exhibit** recently held for eleven days at Del Mar. **Catherine** and **Stuart Edgerton** were the winning entrants. **Roger Sullivan** came in second to take the Elsie Wallace Memorial Perpetual Trophy for his exhibit of "Legion of Merit." **Charles Barksdale** won the junior exhibit trophy with his "German Military Decorations."

The coin exhibit was sponsored by the **San Diego County Inter-Club Numismatic Council** in connection with the annual fair which this year attracted more than 100,000 visitors. The Council maintained an information booth during the time, with very good results reported by the officials.

SAN DIEGO COINARAMA

The 8th Annual Coinarama was held June 4-6 at the El Cortez Convention Center in San Diego, sponsored by the **San Diego County Inter-Club Numismatic Council.** Each of the 1700 registered guests received a golden bronze medal struck for the event.

Forty bourse dealers were present from throughout the United States, with one dealer from Sweden.

To be viewed were 89 cases of exhibits by 50 exhibitors, making 72 separate exhibits. Best of show winner was **Mrs. Mary Saarni** of San Diego, with "History Through Roman Coins." First place junior award winner was **Charles Barksdale** of San Diego.

A forum was held on Saturday, with **Virginia Culver** and **Peggy Borgolte** on the panel.

At the awards breakfast **Mrs. Jean Busch** along with **Paul Hamm,** president of the San Diego County Interclub Numismatic Council, **R. E. Martin,** general chairman of the coinarama, and the **California State Numismatic Association** were presented wtih the special coinarama medal, struck in copper, lead, brass, nickel-silver, golden bronze, and silver, mounted in plastic.

This is believed to be the oldest annual coinarama in the country.

CSNA president Dan Harley receives a set of San Diego coinarama medals from Paul Hamm. The set will be placed in the CSNA Californiana Collection.

SANTA BARBARA REFLECTS

The history of **Santa Barbara Coin Club,** from its beginning in April 1956 to the present day, was on review at the June 21 meeting when historian

Otto Christensen displayed three well-filled scrapbooks. The books, which were started by the late **Herbert H. Seidler,** contained news clippings, pictures and other memorabilia.

That the club, which has hosted two CSNA conventions and has held seven annual conventions of its own in its nine-year history, has sown many fine numismatic seeds in the community and area, is evidenced by the large number of genuine coin collectors who first became interested in the hobby as a result of one or more of the club's activities.

BERGEN LOOKS BACK

Those attending the May 17 meeting of the **Santa Barbara Coin Club** heard guest speaker **Herbert M. Bergen,** CSNA past president, state that his topic, "Numismatics at the Crossroads", would be a little on the controversial side, although some people might like what they would hear.

Bergen told those present that 58 years ago there were no dealers on the West Coast, and as a stamp collector he used to write from California to the Scott Stamp and Coin Co. in New York. He still has his first album which he obtained in 1910 when he actually turned to coins. Bergen said the only wealth one could expect to gain from the hobby at that time was the wealth that could be obtained through the knowledge of the hobby. He recalled that there were only two dealers in Southern California in 1910 and that coin collecting was still a pure hobby.

He indicated that today Gresham's Law has taken over, with people who are not collectors beginning to store away hard money, pulling attention to the coin collector.

The thefts these days are damaging the hobby too, he said, as people no longer like to be known as collectors. Coins are now placed in bank vaults, which takes much away from the pleasure of the hobby as one cannot work on them at the time that one choses.

Bergen said that he loved the hobby as it was, but is scared of the road on which it is being driven. It is his feeling that the best solution to the problem is for more of us to turn back to the hobby as it was.

BANG UP AUCTION

The **Downey Numismatists** held its "Delayed Action Firecracker" sale at the July meeting. The idea for this type auction came from **Art MacDonald.** He obtained a bag of unsorted Lincoln cents from out of the state, then inserted all key Lincolns with exception of the 1955 double die. Before the auction took place, all coins were wrapped in rolls made in the appearance of the traditional explosive. As members placed their bids, they realized they might receive only a roll of unsorted coins—but with a chance it contained a key coin.

Bidding was reported very active and good prices were realized. It was one of the most interesting auctions the club has held in many months.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

Ernie Hood has done it again! He has built another Lincoln Log Cabin for the new Ripley Museum to be built in San Francisco. This latest Hood creation has 16,316 Lincoln cents, 110 feet of brass rod, 88 feet of plastic tubing, and 560 match sticks which were used on the fence. It weighs about 138 pounds, and is strong enough for a person to stand upon. It took about 200 hours to build.

SANTA BARBARA COIN SHOW

The seventh annual coin show of the **Santa Barbara Coin Club,** June 4-6, attracted a near-record crowd of 2,373 registrants, according to **Ray Bower,** chairman. Bower said, however, that as registration was not mandatory, a great many more people visited the show but did not sign a card.

A total of 56 dealers from all over California and seven other states had bourse space. Business was good, and practically all the dealers left with smiles on their faces, wanting to be placed on the list for the next show, according to **Don Jurgensen,** bourse chairman.

The exhibit section, much larger than was originally anticipated, was highlighted by quality collector exhibits and several outstanding non-competitive displays. Rarely do collectors have the opportunity to view what was undoubtedly the highlight of the convention—the exhibition of two complete Panama-Pacific commemorative coinage sets, as well as the short set. The complete set was the No. 1 set in the original presentation casket, and the other was in one of the original copper frames.

They contained the PPIE $1, $2.50 and $50 gold pieces, and the 50 cent silver piece. Included, of course, was the round and the octagonal slugs. The short set contained the $1 and $2.50 gold and the 50 cent silver pieces.

A 22-year-old youth, who took advantage of art courses he had taken at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, won the best of show award. **Walter Mattfeld** of Vandenberg Village, Lompoc, utilized just nine coins and impressive drawings of ancient Romans, plus a rotating pair of Roman gladiators, to win out over some stiff competition. Veteran exhibitors keep saying that it isn't necessary to have expensive coins or a lot of coins in order to come up with an impressive display. Young Mattfeld certainly proved the point.

HERE AND THERE

At the July meeting of **Echo Park Coin Club** (Los Angeles), **George D'Amaro** conducted the first session of "School of Numismatics" and an interested group of some 15 members attended. This class is offered specifically to beginners to further enhance their knowledge of coin collecting. The class is being held on the fourth Monday of each month.

At a ceremony celebrating its sixth anniversary on June 21 the **Glendale Coin Club** presented an honorary life membership to **Ace Barlow**, founder of the club.

Southern Hub Coin Club (Inglewood) celebrated its eighth birthday anniversary at the July meeting. Special refreshments were served in observance of the occasion.

Also celebrating a sixth anniversary recently was **Rockatomics Coin Club** (Canoga Park). A specially decorated cake was cut to observe the event.

Lakewood Coin Club celebrated its fifth birthday this summer.

Monterey Park Coin Club noted its first decade recently by holding a special anniversary celebration.

Louis S. Upton, prominent Santa Monica numismatist, was severely burned in a July Fourth fireworks explosion. At last report, Lou is doing well, but it will be some time before he will be able to attend numismatic functions.

An Ontario coin change machine recently hit the jack pot! **Dave Thompson** put in a half dollar and received for change an 1831 $5 gold piece which he valued at more than $500. Las Vegas was never like this!

NEW CLUB NEWS

Forty-Niner Coin Club has a new meeting place. The members now meet at the Girls Club House in South Gate City Park on every second Wednesday night.

The new **Israel Coin Club** of Los Angeles meets the last Sunday of the month at 3:00 p.m. in the Guardian Bank Bldg., 7014 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood.

New coin clubs that have sprung up since our last report are: **Laguna Beach Stamp and Coin Club, Tustin Coin Club**, and the rumor of a club being started in **Fullerton.**

SHOP TALK

Robert Hendrick recently opened his new Trans World Coin State at 29th and University in the "Fair City of San Diego."

The Glendora area now boasts another coin shop with the opening of Cook's Coin Shop at 709 E. Alosta, by **Virgil** and **Blanche Cook.**

The Imperial Coin Center recently opened its doors and will specialize in minor and major numismatic errors. The Center is located at 3516 West Imperial Highway, Inglewood, reports **Albert Blackman.**

Pacific Southwest Growth, Inc., a San Diego coin firm, is planning to sell 60,000 shares of stock for $5 each to California residents. **Richard E. Martin** and **Atwood A. Cutler**, operators of the San Diego Coin Exchange, are founders of this new coin investment corporation.

CLUB SPEAKERS

Joe Friend, Pennies to Dollars, April, "History of the Lincoln Cent." **Joe Mirkovich**, Azteca, April, "The Spanish Missions of California." **Ann Hall**, East Los Angeles, April, "Women on Coins." **George Fennell**, Forty-Niner, April, "U. S. Half Cents." **Lloyd Messersmith**, Orange County, May, "Wooden Money."

Sally Marx, Los Angeles, June, "Coins of Israel." **Jerry Wenker**, Perris Valley, May, "Protection of Your Collections." **James Plough**, Aerospace, April, "U. S. Large Cents." **William Wisslead**, Monterey Park, April, "Coinage of Sarawak." **Ernie**

Hood, Compton, May, "Lincoln Log Cabin."

Don Erikson, Compton, June, "Insuring Your Coin Collection." **James Betton,** Whittier, May, "English Trade Tokens." **R. B. Carter,** East Los Angeles, May, "U. S. Transportation Tokens." **R. B. Carter,** Upland, June, "Love Tokens." **Ray Whyborn,** Forty-Niner, May, "U. S. Currency."

Sylvia Haffner, Ocean Beach, April, "Exhibiting." **Richard Young,** Bay Cities, June, "House of Rothschild." **Dan Harley,** Culver City, June, "Briefcase Treasure Hunt." **James Ray,** Southern Hub, June, "Colonials and Silver Dollars." **Robert Carter,** Torrence, June.

Donald Smyser, San Bernardino, June, "Coins at the Time of Christ." **R. B. Carter,** Ventura, May, "Counterfeit and Altered Coins." **Don Jurgenson,** Ventura, June, "A Trip to the Holy Land." **M. C. Hill,** International, May, "Coinage of Fiji." **Sid Marks,** Rockatomics, May, "U.S. Type Coins."

Sidney Montague, West Valley, May, "Fun of Living." **Kenneth Young,** Bay Cities, July, "History of Copper Coinage." **George Baude,** Southern Hub, July, "Confederate Currency." **Sid Marks,** Hughes, July, "U.S. Type Coins." **Wendell Markam,** Pico Rivera, July, "Canadian Silver Dollars."

Clifford Kreizel, Forty-Niner, July, "Greenland." **Peggy Borgolte,** Canejo Valley, August. **Robert Carter,** West Valley, July, "Altered Coins." **Ray Bower,** Oxnard, May, "Lincoln Cents." **Orville Jordett,** Ventura County, July, "Alaskan Money."

Ethel Stone, Orange County, June, "A Numismatic Library." **John Lenker,** Orange County, July, "Coins of Ethiopia." **Ray Whyborn,** Southern Hub, August, "U.S. Currency." **Ethel Stone,** Long Beach, July, "Value of a Library." **Dr. Verner Rich,** San Bernardino County, July, "Chinese Coinage."

C. G. Monroe, Escondido, June. **Henri Heller,** Bay Cities, May, "Tomorrow's Rarities." **R. B. Carter,** Monterey Park, May, "Story of Transportation." **Robert Carter,** Pico Rivera, May. **William Wisslead,** Santa Ana, June, "Coinage of Sarawak." **Tom Johnson,** Pomona Valley, May, "Investments."

A TWO MILLION DOLLAR PACKAGE

Many numismatists, members of A.N.A., and others, have from time to time written ye editor from Washington in a boastful way of their visit to the Treasury and the immense amounts of money they have been permitted to handle.

To such the following secret lately revealed by a spiteful employee of the Department will come as a rude shock and enforce on their minds the fact that "this world is all a fleeting show to man's illusion given." The parcel was gotten up originally for the benefit of the thousands of brides who have visited the Treasury on their wedding trips and such coin collectors as have stopped by this wayside shrine to worship and have been allowed to hold in their hands for a few moments the big bundle of money so carefully done up in manila paper, sealed with great botches of red sealing wax and marked "2,000,000," will realize what a wicked and deceptive world this is when they know that the real contents of the package were simply two old census reports.

This innocent deception has been carried on for a quarter of a century. When people go into the vaults they always want to handle money. There is an irresistible tendency to feel it, and the more valuable the package, the greater the temptation. It wasn't considered good policy to allow a large amount of treasure to be passed around among the strangers in such a way for fear someone might chloroform the guide and vaultkeepers and make a break with the package. So curiosity was satisfied and the government was protected by making up a dummy and giving it the proper appearance.

—THE NUMISMATIST, April 1896
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The arrows on either side of the date on U.S. coins of 1853, 1854 and 1855 indicate a reduction in weight. Those on the coins of 1873 and 1874 indicate a slight increase in weight.

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Wreath Cent is the popular name for the second type of copper cents issued by the U.S. government in 1793.

COUNTING THE CONTENTS OF THE AMERICAN TREASURY

The following article, from a British variety newspaper called Tit-Bits, appeared in print first on Aug. 18, 1888. We believe it will appeal to anyone who ever pondered the problem of counting $155,000,000 in coin. We do not believe 76 years have destroyed the article's interest, and we present it exclusively to the readers of this bulletin in its original form.

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In February of the present year (1888), a change was made in the United States Treasury, and, as is customary, the whole of the gold and silver, total of about $155,000,000 dollars, contained in the vaults, had to be counted. This work commenced on Feb. 29, and was finished on May 10, and the following particulars of the methods employed will no doubt be read with interest . . .

The large space or vault devoted to the purpose is partitioned off into twelve distinct compartments which contain the sum of $40,000,000 dols. in silver coins, varying in size from 1 dol. to 10 cent pieces, although largely composed of the first denomination, of which the official ledger called for 29,597,000 on the opening day of the account. The appearance of the silver vaults with their valuable contents is regularity personified. The coins, carefully packed in strongly-made canvas bags, 1000 dols. to the bag, irrespective of the size of the pieces contained, and weighing a fraction less than 60 lbs. each, are piled up from the sides of each compartment, converging in the form of a pyramid towards the centre, where the topmost bags touch the ceiling.

The compartments are not all alike in dimensions but are all full to the very limit of utmost capacity, holding within their massive sides 40,000,000 dols. of silver broken up into 40,000 bags. The method employed in the counting involves nicety of weighing balance, careful watching, and severe manual labour, and can only be conducted at what must appear to the unitiated to be a slow rate of progress. The necessary appliances for the counting, both clerical and mechanical, are as follows . . .

A perfectly balanced coin scale, regulated to the fraction of an ounce; 18 sturdy labourers to perform the heavy handling, two weighers, three talley men, and a score of watchers. To facilitate the labour of recounting, an outer vault is always left unoccupied, at which point the work commences, the scale being placed in the narrow passageway between the vacant vault and full apartment next in range. At this point, midway between the compartments, the bags of coin are weighed in transit, so to speak. being dragged from the old resting place to the scales and off again to a position in the vacant room, which now becomes a vault until the next official counting, whenever that may be; so on through the entire range of vaults, until the work is completed.

The counting is by weight—a bag contains only perfect coins being used as the standard; and when for any reason a bag falls short of this test balance, it is set aside and counted over, piece by piece. Slight shortage, necessitating a special counting of the coins themselves, is the result of bags bursting sufficiently to admit the slipping out of a few coins. Upon the complete emptying of any one compartment, all these loose coins are carefully collected, weighed and added to the tally list. This form of breakage is frequent and materially retards the progress of the count.

The above brief outline of the main features of the silver counting can give but a little idea of the extent of the work and the many elements of difficulty and hardship surrounding its performance. The daily labour begins at 8:30 A.M., and is continued under almost stifling atmospheric conditions and by the dim light of three gas jets until five o'clock in the afternoon when the long-shoremen employed for the purpose of handling emerge from the scene of their labours. The handling of 2,000,000 dols. worth of silver represents a day's work.

We can suppose that the counting of the treasury's contents no longer takes place under the light of gas jets. However, it is a little frightening to consider that at the counting

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BOOK REVIEWS

"THE SILVER COINAGE OF IMPERIAL RUSSIA, 1682 to 1917", by **Harry M. Severin,** has been published in Europe and is now available in the United States at a retail price of $14. It is printed in English, contains 276 pages, including 48 plates, is 6¼ by 9¼ inches in size, and bound in light blue cloth.

Although it does not touch the interesting silver wire kopecks and silver pieces prior to Peter the Great, it does cover everything else in silver since the beginning of his reign from the latter part of the 17th century to the end of the Romanoff period in 1917.

There are listed and described all dates, mints and die varieties of all denominations of the silver coins of the period covered. Although a list of values is not included, the comparative rarity of the various coins is shown.

To make the book more complete and interesting, the author has included historical and brief biographical sketches of each sovereign. This adds to the value of the book to the researcher and student of Russian numismatics.

This is indeed a worthy companion to "Gold and Platinum Coinage of Imperial Russia", published in 1958 by the same author. It is his hopes to present in the near future a book covering the vast copper series of Russia—thus completing the trilogy on the empire's metallic issues and varieties. Your reviewer wishes to congratulate him on his first two books and to wish him well on his great task as he travels down the long copper road.

This book on silver coinage is a "must" for the library of every serious collector of Russian coins.

—JOHN E. LENKER

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rate mentioned in the last sentence of the article above, it would take only a day and a half to count the American coffers of silver dollars.

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Submitted by GARY BEALS; and reprinted from October, 1964, issue of the SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY BULLETIN.

"WORLD WAR II ALLIED MILITARY CURRENCY", by **Raymond S. Toy,** has recently been published and should be available at your local coin dealer's shop. If not, it may be secured direct from the author, 992 Hacienda Drive, El Cajon, Calif. 92020 at a price of $2.

Bound in a paper cover, with 79 pages of text and about 110 illustrations, this excellent publication covers the vast field of this type of currency issued by the United States and the allied powers during and immediately after the war, for use in various countries in the world.

To quote the author in a letter to your reviewer—"World War II currency is part of our history and should be recorded properly before forgotten, so I am trying to fill in this gap. I know when I first started collecting these military notes in 1945-46 there was no information available. So, for a few years the notes I had just stayed in a drawer. However, shortly after I started to write to collectors here and in foreign lands, also to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Washington, D.C., and soon had considerable information on hand to enable me to make a start on the first edition of this work. However, after being published it became clear that many notes had been overlooked, so an extensive research program was started, resulting in considerable additional information being obtained which enabled me to publish the second edition."

To list just a few of the interesting pieces reviewed in this publication looks like a Cook's Tour of the World — Philippine Victory Notes, Netherlands Indies Liberation Notes, Danish Brigade in Occupied Germany, Hong Kong Siege Notes, Luxemburg Liberation, Faroe Islands, Greek Partisan, Fiji Islands and Montenegro Partisan.

This book should certainly be in the library of every collector interested in world history and in paper notes.

—LES LODGE

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"Boy is TV hard up for things to dramatize! Now they want to buy our coin catalog and make it into an hour-long play."

BADGE OF MILITARY MERIT

There can be little argument to the fact that the **Purple Heart** is held by more Disabled American Veterans than any other combat-earned medal.

This coveted badge of personal sacrifice was first established by General George Washington on August 7, 1782, as the Badge of Military Merit. In his order, General Washington stated:

"The General, ever desirous to cherish a virtuous ambition in his soldiers, as well as to foster and encourage every species of Military merit, directs that whenever any singularly meritorious action is performed, the author of it shall be permitted to wear on his facings, over his left breast, the figure of a heart in purple cloth, or silk, edged with narrow lacing or binding . . .

"The road to glory in a patriot army and a free country is thus opened to all. The order is also to have retrospect to the earliest days of the war, and to be considered a permanent one."

Despite General Washington's directive that the award "be considered a permanent one", it dropped to obscurity following the War of the Revolution. For nearly 150 years the Badge of Military Merit fell into complete disuse.

Then, on Feb. 22, 1932—the 200th anniversary of George Washington's birth — the War Department announced:

"By order of the President of the United States, the Purple Heart, established by Gen. George Washington at Newburgh, New York . . . is hereby revived out of respect to his memory and military achievements."

The task of redesigning the Purple Heart was assigned to Miss Elizabeth Wills, a military heraldry specialist in the Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army. Miss Wills, who has over 40 years of government service to her credit, has designed numerous symbolic items used by the Army, including coats of arms, shoulder sleeve insignia and badges. In addition to the Purple Heart, she has also played a major role in designing such familiar symbols as the Seal and Flag of the Vice President of the United Statcs, Seals of both the Department of Defense and Department of the Air Force, and the Department of the Army General Staff Identification Badge.

Instructions given to Miss Wills emphasized: "The design should be emblematic of the original 'figure of a heart in purple cloth or silk, edged in narrow lace or binding' but of the general form of existing decorations. It should be characterized by simplicity and inexpensiveness with regard to the original, which was practically without cost. The container will be of the simplest type."

Miss Wills recalls: "The instructions, although brief, imposed several specific requirements . . . In addition to these requirements, it appeared to me appropriate to include something symbolic of General Washington."

She subsequently presented two designs for consideration to the Secre-

tary of War, both of which included the shield from the Washington coat of arms. One design was all bronze, without enamel and purple in the ribbon only. The other, according to Miss Wills, had a heart in purple enamel across which was a sprig design similar to that appearing in the damask of one of the original cloth badges.

"This latter design became the basis for the final design in which the sprig was replaced by General Washington's bust . . . submitted to, and favorably considered by, the Commission of Fine Arts and subsequently given to a sculptor for execution," says Miss Wills.

It is significant to note that Washington's original "Badge of Military Merit" does not appear in the revived award. Rather, the words "For Military Merit" appear in raised lettering on the reverse side of the Purple Heart.

Although the new Purple Heart was not in existence during World War I, the War Department General Orders 3 of Feb. 22, 1932, (and amended by Executive Order 11016, April 25, 1962) provided that: "Upon letter of application to The Adjutant General, award may be made to any member of the Army during World War I who was awarded a Meritorious Services Citation Certificate signed by the Commander in Chief, American Expeditionary Forces, or who was authorized to wear wound chevrons. Posthumous awards to personnel who were killed or died of wounds after 5 April 1917 will be made to the appropriate next of kin upon application to The Adjutant General."

Those eligible for the Purple Heart, awarded in the name of the President of the United States are "any member of an Armed Force or any civilian national of the United States, who, while serving under competent authority in any capacity with one of the United States Armed Services after 5 April 1917 has been wounded, killed, or who has died or may hereafter die after being wounded."

Created more than 150 years ago, George Washington's original Purple Heart is believed to be the first military decoration for bravery given by any country without respect to rank. And those who wear the Purple Heart wear it proudly, because, said General Washington, "Not only instances of unusual gallantry, but also of extraordinary fidelity and essential service in any way shall meet with due reward."

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THE CHIHUAHUA MINT-1810

By FEDERICO CLAVERIA, Santa Barbara

When the Spanish explorer, Alvaro Nunez Cabeza de Vaca, and his party were shipwrecked on the coast of what is now Texas, he headed southwest towards Mexico City. He is credited with being the first white man to visit the region now occupied by the Mexican State of Chihuahua. This was about the year 1534. The inhabitants of the region were the Chichimeca Indians. Between 1600 and 1620, Father Juan Font, S.J. was the first missionary to arrive there. The Catholic missionaries that followed, founded the city of Chihuahua as Mission San Felipe de Chihuahua in August of 1639.

The principal riches of the region were the extremely rich-bearing gold and silver mines. First was the Santa Barbara in 1565, then the San Jose del Parral in 1600, Guazopares in 1628, Santa Eulalia in 1704, and Carjurichic in 1759. These riches later brought about a change of name to Real de San Felipe de Chihuahua, and in 1824 it was granted the title of city, and became capital of the state.

One of the city's landmarks is the cathedral started in 1725 and finished one hundred years later at a cost of $800,000, which was obtained by taxing one real for each mark of silver taken from the mines of San Francisco, Santa Barbara and Santa Eulalia.

It was here that Father Miguel Hidalgo was executed for his part in starting Mexico's fight for independence from Spain.

As a result of the uprising for independence, the state became isolated,

and coined money became scarce because of the difficulty in transporting it from Mexico City. In October of 1810, the governor of the northern provinces, Nemisio Salcedo, gave permission for the establishment of a temporary mint in Chihuahua. The first pieces were eight real coins, and due to the lack of minting machinery and technicians they were cast, by using struck pieces from the Mexico City mint to form the moulds. However, they managed to erase the Mexico City mint mark, and add to the mould the mint mark "C A" for Chihuahua. These crude pieces were made until 1813. In the following year, 1814, with the acquisition of new minting equipment and colonial dics, struck pieces were made and continued to be coined until 1822.

Of particular interest of these crude coins are the countermarks stamped on the obverse. On the left side of the King's bust is a capital letter "T" signifying that the treasurer had received it; to the right of the bust are two small crowned pillars of Hercules with a pomegranate between. This was the symbol used by the comptroller of the Real Hacienda. These stamps were placed with hand punches after each piece had been checked for weight; lighter coins were discarded and heavy pieces were filed down to proper weight. Appearing on the coins, during the entire period, were the initials "R.P." for the assayer, Ramon Peimbert.

Many of the cast coins were restruck with regular dies, and many of these coins show the two different outlines of the two operations.

It must be remembered that this writing pertains only to the founding of the Royalist Provisional Mint. Later when Mexico became independent, the Chihuahua mint was reopened in 1831, and ceased operation in 1895.

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